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TWENTY MEN KILLED.

At least 20 men were killed yesterday by a premature blast of dynamite in a stone quarry operated by the Callahan Road Improvement Company, near South Bethlehem, 11 miles southwest of Albany, N. Y.

One thousand pounds of dynamite exploded, and the bodies of the victims were hurled hundreds of feet by the concussion and so badly mutilated as to be almost beyond recognition. As darkness was falling a wagon drew up to the enginehouse loaded with bodies that had been picked up back on the quarry hill. A crowd of grief-stricken relatives gathered around, eager to identify the dead, only to turn away at the sickening sight.

Italians with shovels found here and there portions of bodies and brought their gruesome loads in boxes to the enginehouse, which served as a temporary morgue.

The Callahan Road Improvement Company furnished crushed stone for road building. The preparations for yesterday's blast had been going on for six weeks. Thirteen holes, 75 feet deep, had been drilled at points about 20 feet back of the face of the big quarry, and the explosion of the dynamite with which they were to be loaded was expected to displace 40,000 tons of rock.

Over 8,000 pounds of dynamite were to have been used. The workmen had placed 500-pound charges in six of the holes and were working on the seventh when a percussion cap was prematurely discharged. A terrific explosion followed, which hurled tons of rock into the air and scattered the bodies of the victims in all directions. The officers were standing nearby at the time directing the work.

Houses in the vicinity were shaken and windows shattered by the concussion and consternation reigned in the little village half a mile away.

Among the victims were twelve Italians.

In addition to the trunks and larger parts of the bodies recovered, a table three feet wide and ten long was filled heaping with burned and broken arms and legs, parts of heads and trunks of the victims of the accident.

Nine of their bodies not yet recovered are either buried in the rocks or have been blown into such small pieces that it will be impossible to associate them as bodies.

STRIKE A FIZZLE.

The first day of the postal strike yesterday, in Paris, passed peacefully. No disturbances were reported and the movement appears not to have gained ground. The services in Paris and throughout the provinces last night, with the exception of that of the railway mail clerks, were normal, and as a result there has been no need to take advantage of the preparations made by the various business organizations and commercial bodies to carry on a private letter service.

The cabinet last night summarily dismissed 228 men under the decree issued on March 15, which authorized the discharge of strikers from the state service and made other provisions for dealing with recalcitrants. The ministers are very confident that the removal of the principal fomenters of the agitation will have the effect of crushing the movement.

The leaders of the strike experienced another discouragement in the failure of the Miners' congress at Lens to vote a sympathetic strike, and up to the present none of the trades unions has made a sign of joining the movement. At the same time the government is hurrying the preparation of its promised bill regulating the status of state employees, which will be presented to a committee of the Chamber of Deputies Monday.

Official figures issued last night place the number of strikers in Paris at 465 out of 11,000. Owing to the defection of a majority of the mail clerks the outgoing mails are more or less stranded. The botched of the previous revolt, the Central Telegraph Bureau, is very quiet, the night shift reporting for duty as usual.

Reports from the provinces show that the movement has not made much headway, except at Havre, where a special service arranged by the chamber of commerce will be inaugurated. At Bordeaux, Lille and Chartres conditions are normal. In some cities, notably Lyons and Chambéry, the postal employees have openly expressed their disapproval of the strike. There is some anxiety at the Paris hotels, where numerous Americans are expecting letters containing bank drafts, lest these miscarry because of the strike.

The postal employees held a mass meeting last night, which, however, was not so well attended as that of Tuesday night, and adopted a resolution to continue the strike with unabated vigor. Prior to the opening of the proceedings a reporter of a reactionary newspaper was conducted out of the building.

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